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Opp Police arrest four in murder investigation of Elba man

The Opp Police Department on Friday night, July 13, found the body of a man missing from Elba since last Saturday [July 7th], and four individuals have been charged in his death.

The OPD's investigation began last Wednesday, when the department was notified of a vehicle parked behind an abandoned house on Walding Road. They determined the vehicle, a gray 2008 Chrysler Sebring, belonged to Louis Swinger, age 36, who had last been seen in Elba on Saturday, July 7, 2018, when he said he was going to Opp.



Louis Swinger was last seen in Elba on July 7th. His body was found last Friday night, July 13th.

Subsequent investigation revealed that in the early morning hours last Saturday, Swinger was

lured into an apartment on Hardage Circle where he was shot and killed. The involved individuals then dumped his vehicle behind the house on Walding Road and hid the victim's body in a wooded area at the intersection of Cantaline Road and Woodall Mill Road.

Law enforcement officers located Swinger's body at approximately 8:15 last Friday night.

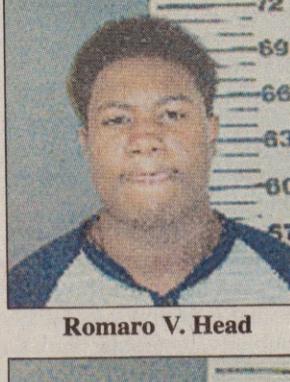
The four individuals arrested in this murder were: Romaro V. Head, age 20, charged with murder and held on a \$500,000 bond; Dayshawn D. Siler, age 19, charged with murder and held on a \$500,000

bond; Kali Jamar Siler, age 22, charged with murder and held on a \$500,000 bond; and Kenyatta Carstarphen, age 18, charged with murder and held on a \$500,000 bond.

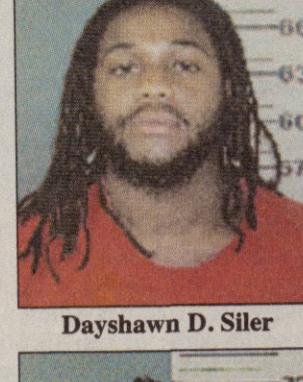
The investigation is continuing.

The Opp Police Department extended appreciation to the State Bureau Of Investigation, the 22nd Judicial Drug Task Force, the Covington County District Attorneys Office, ALEA Trooper's, the Department of Probation and Parole and the Opp Fire Department for their invaluable assistance.

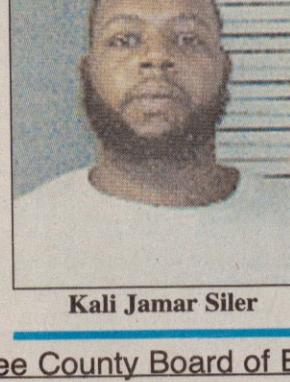
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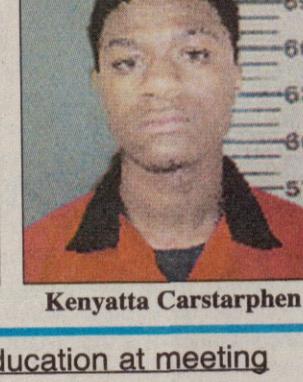
Romaro V. Head



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Kali Jamar Siler



Kenyatta Carstarphen

Coffee County authorities arrest man for local church burglaries

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Sheriff's Department made an arrest last week regarding several church burglaries from the area.

On Wednesday, July 11, deputies made an arrest for seven church burglaries in Coffee County and the burglary of one residence. It was also determined that the suspect was responsible for additional church burglaries in two other connecting counties – one in Crenshaw County and one in Dale County.

"While view security footage from one of the churches in Coffee County that was burglarized, investi-



John Coleman Davis III

tigators recognized the subject as John Coleman Davis III," Coffee County Chief Deputy R.W. Whitworth said. "Deputies went to his residence, made contact with Mr. Davis, and he admitted to the burglaries."

Davis, age 35, of 324 County Road 349, Elba, Ala., was arrested and transported to the Coffee County Jail. His charges from Coffee County include: seven counts of burglary – third degree, possession of a controlled substance, and criminal mischief – second degree.

Davis has a total bond of \$117,500 in Coffee County - \$15,000 each for the seven burglary charges,

Whitworth said most of the stolen items were recovered and awaiting to be claimed. He said the

burglary victims were being notified as of late last week.

The investigation remains open, and more arrests are pending.

Approved by the Coffee County Board of Education at meeting Assistant principal changes taking place at Kinston and New Brockton High schools

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County School Board met Thursday evening, July 12, for its regular monthly meeting and several personnel actions highlighted the meeting, including some assistant principal changes at New Brockton and Kinston.

This was the first meeting for Superintendent Kevin Killingsworth since he took that leadership role at the first of July, and he had a lengthy list of personnel matters for board members to consider.

Upon the superintendent's recommendation, board members accepted the resignation of Shannon Clark as assistant principal at New Brockton High School. This resignation is effective as of Sept. 1, 2018. Following that resignation, the board also approved the superintendent's recommendation to transfer Bryan Peacock from his position as assistant principal at Kinston to the position of assistant principal at New Brockton High School.

Megan Driggers was approved for transfer from her position as instructional coach at New Brockton High School to be the new assistant principal at Kinston School.

The board also accepted the resignation of George Miller "Mil" Tatom as transportation supervisor (including duties of facilities coordinator and safety coordinator). The board

Superintendent Kevin Killingsworth said Thursday, July 12, during the Coffee County Board of Education meeting that George Kennedy had been hired as the new head football coach at Kinston.

See the Sports Page [Page 8] for more details on the new Kinston coach.

had just voted to hire Tatom for this job during its June 27th special meeting. His resignation took effect on July 10th.

Other certificated personnel matters recommended by Killingsworth and approved by the board included:

- Employment of Lee Grosenbach as a science teacher at Kinston High School

- Employment of Cindy Cassidy as a teacher at New Brockton Elementary School

- Employment of Cassady Braughton as a teacher at New Brockton Elementary School

- Employment of Ashleigh Reeves as a teacher at New Brockton Elementary School

- Approve leave for Erika McLean, family and consumer science teacher at New Brockton High School, under the Family Medical Leave Act beginning approximately Oct. 27, 2018.

The superintendent also noted that George Kennedy had been hired to receive a supplement as Kinston's head football coach for the 2018-2019 school year. His duties only include football coach.

Kennedy replaces Jon Cooper, who suddenly resigned his coaching and teaching duties during the summer.

Also, Killingsworth noted that Tiffany Johnson resigned her assignment as cross country coach at Kinston; Courtney Davidson resigned her assignment as assistant softball coach at Zion Chapel, effective July 9th; and Anna Harrelson would receive a supplement as

Zion Chapel's assistant volleyball and assistant softball coach for the 2018-2019 school year.

Also during last week's board meeting, the 2018-2019 salary schedule for employees was approved, and it included the state-mandated 2.5% salary increase. Killingsworth recommended the 2.5% increase go into effect at the beginning of each employee's contract.

The 2018-2019 Parent/Student Information Guide was approved.

The contract for Chief School Financial Officer Shannon Odom also was renewed by approval from the board.

Prior to adjourning, Superintendent Killingsworth said enrollment for New Brockton Elementary School had increased by 109 students as of Thursday while enrollment for the high school had increased by approximately 25 students. He said more were anticipated from the changes made by the Enterprise City Schools regarding 'out of district' students having to pay a tuition fee.

The next regular meeting is set for Thursday, Aug. 2, at 5:30 p.m.; however, it was noted there could possibly be a work session and special meeting called for July 24th.

Brantley man involved in Covington County wreck that claimed life of Andalusia woman

According to Alabama State Troopers, a two-vehicle wreck Sunday, July 15, at 7:45 a.m. that claimed the life of an Andalusia, Ala. woman also injured a Brantley, Ala. man.

Jacqueline Haley Elisha Henderson, age 25, of Andalusia, was killed when her 2001 Oldsmobile Aurora was struck by a 1999 GMC truck driven by Billy Joe Marler of Brantley. The crash occurred on Covington County Road 43 in Heath.

Marler was transported to Walton Medical Center for injuries sustained in the crash.

Concludes stay in Coffee County next Wednesday, July 25th Don't miss the Alabama Bicentennial Traveling Exhibit before it leaves Elba



The Making Alabama: A Bicentennial Traveling Exhibit, which is part of the signature events throughout Alabama during the 2017-2019 time frame in celebration of 200 years of Alabama's statehood continues to be on exhibit for Coffee County at the National Security Conference Center in Elba. The exhibit is open Monday-Saturday from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day, and takes those who visit on a walk through Alabama's 200 years of history. Above, exhibit docent Vickie Bailey helped 7-year-old Evan Hilburn with 'checking out' the timeframe of 1815-1860 during his visit at the exhibit. The last day the exhibit will be open in Elba for the Coffee County tour is Wednesday, July 25th. It will move to another county from there.

Elba receives \$4.5 million grant

Elba Mayor Mickey Murdock announced Tuesday, July 17, that the City of Elba had been granted a \$4,512,000 USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal grant and a \$2,795,000 low interest loan.

Total project cost on the sewer upgrade is \$7,413,000 with the City of Elba furnishing \$106,000. The loan portion of the project is a 40-year loan at an interest rate of 2.375%.

The announcement came from a USDA project joint announcement with Representative Martha Roby and Senators Richard

Shelby and Doug Jones.

The funds will be used to replace and upgrade existing sewer lines. These infrastructure improvements will help the City's sewer system meet compliance requirements.

During heavy rainfall, manholes frequently overflow and the lagoon system breaches the dike. The City of Elba's wastewater system serves just over 3,900 customers.

Previous discussions with engineers indicated that with this timely approval of the funding, actual construction would probably get started sometime in early 2019.

THE DAV WIREGRASS CHAPTER 99, located in New Brockton, Ala., will meet Thursday, July 26, at 6 p.m. in the New Brockton Senior Center. The group will be nominating officers for the upcoming year at the meeting. For further information contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707.

THE COFFEE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE WILL BE HOSTING A POND WORKSHOP on Thursday, July 2, from 6-8 p.m. at the Coffee County Extension office. This workshop will be focused on managing a pond for good fishing. This workshop will cover topics such as water quality, liming, fertilization, stocking levels, aquatic weed ID, aquatic weed control and more. Participants can also bring pond weeds from their own pond to be identified as well as pond water samples to be tested. The workshop is free to attend, but register a space by calling the Coffee County Extension office at 334-894-5596.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government, then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools." — Plato

The run-off elections were held Tuesday in Alabama. Locally it is only Republicans who are still sorting out their favorite candidates. Voter turnout was expected to be light, as none of the races have attracted a lot of need for more blood pressure pills among potential voters. We are amazed at how little information has been passed around about some of the candidates for judgeships . . . virtually none by our count and we try to learn something about each of them during each election cycle.

There have been a lot of promises made about the economy of electric cars. Even though they don't burn gas, some sort of fuel has to generate that electricity. This week we read a report that sheds some light on that from the users prospective. With gasoline bouncing up to and above \$2.50 per gallon, they report it only costs \$1.10 to get the same energy from electricity. Now that is a set of numbers we can understand. So . . . if you drive a good bit, the extra cost of that electric car will soon be justified by the savings of \$1.40 per gallon . . . that is if you stay fairly close to home or can find a publicly available "quick charge" electric plug within your range of travel.

Hillary Clinton for President in 2020! It is hard to believe but the political experts see signs that "Hillary is up to something." It broke into the open recently when the New York Post had a feature article on the issue. And they indicate it is likely a third try for the ultimate political office . . . the presidency of the United States. One indicator being watched is the fact she is raising "tons" of money. Our question is "Why would she keep trying?" The answer from the above mentioned experts is, "Why wouldn't she?"

We are in little ole Elba, Alabama but that does not in any way signify things are not top notch around here. Note the ad on the back page where Scott McIntosh has been named winner of a top "Mark of Excellence" award from General Motors. Surely Cook Chevrolet folks will not mind if all of Elba look at Scott's recent award, think of the work he has done on their personal automobile and proudly announce, "He is one of us."

The new Splash Pad installed by the City of Elba has been a very popular place since the July opening. Virtually every hour of the days without lightning flashing all around, there are several families allowing their children the dart in and out of each of the water spouts in the facility.

Weeks ago we attended a family reunion . . . an old, old tradition in the Cox family. It went on annually through thick and thin, depression and wars. In recent years the number of attendees dropped and dropped some more. However there has been a fairly recent up tick in attendance after the word was put out of thinking about giving up on the annual event. Well, this year it fell yours truly lot to pass the collection plate. Collections were so great that it was days later when waking up in the middle of the night a light went off in our head that we never put our dime in the pot! Please don't tell!!



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~ Pro-Life Movement Momentum is Strong ~

Guest Editorial by U.S. Representative Martha Roby

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I have the privilege each year to advocate for the priorities most important to the people who live and work in Alabama's Second District.

Among many other key issues, I have been proud to stand up and fight for a strong military and smart agriculture policy on this committee.

On the reverse, I am also in a strong position fight against funding from being steered towards programs or organizations that I adamantly oppose. Recently when the Appropriations Committee approved our Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (Labor-HHS) Fiscal Year 2019 funding bill, I had the opportunity to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves: the unborn.

As a member of the Labor-HHS Subcommittee, I am extremely proud to report that our bill passed by the full Committee includes the strong pro-life language I have fought for year after year and implements additional policy riders to defend life.

Every single one of these measures is critically important and further ensures that no taxpayer dollars can be used for abortions.

Among the key pro-life provisions included in the Labor-HHS FY19 funding bill are the Hyde Amendment, which directs that no taxpayer dollars be used to fund abortions, and the Dickey-Wicker Amendment, which bans

Labor-HHS funding from being used on research that harms human embryos.

In addition to these long-standing pro-life measures,

our bill also includes several other important pro-life provisions that continue our efforts to assign greater protections for life under the law. These measures include the Conscience Protection Act,

which protects the rights of health care providers that do not participate in abortion.

In addition, the bill includes language that prohibits funding for fetal tissue research obtained from abortion. This measure might sound familiar because it is a direct



Martha Roby

response to the 2015 scandal that revealed how Planned Parenthood officials were systematically altering abortion procedures to preserve babies' organs in order to sell them to researchers for profit. Planned Parenthood's action was sick, callous, and completely inhumane.

Finally, the bill includes language to prohibit abortion providers like Planned Parenthood from receiving any available funding, including through Title X family grants. This measure works hand-in-hand with the Trump Administration's "Protect Life" rule, which also directs that Planned Parenthood is not eligible to receive Title X grant money.

Throughout my time in Congress, I have remained unapologetically pro-life. I believe life begins at conception, and our laws and policies should reflect a strong commitment to defending life at every stage. I have considered it a great privilege to have a platform with which I can serve as a voice for the voiceless.

After eight long years of coming up short pro-life victories, I am encouraged that we now have a President who supports our efforts and is willing to sign important measures into law. The pro-life movement's momentum is strong, and I look forward to seeing it grow as we continue to impact meaningful change on behalf of the unborn. I am eager to support our Labor-HHS funding bill when it comes before the full House for a vote.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, July 9, investigated the following incidents: three for criminal mischief, two for harassing communications, one menacing, two for possession of a controlled substance, two for possession of drug paraphernalia, two for theft of property, one natural death, and one possession of marijuana.

Arrests made during the week included: one for assault, one for failure to appear, two for possession of marijuana, one for domestic violence, one for possession of a controlled substance, and one for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: none recorded.

MONDAY, JULY 9 — Burglary reported at 706 Simmons St. (2:44 p.m.); Fight reported at the Elba

Shell store (4:35 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JULY 10 — Elba Fire Department dispatched to set up landing zone for Haynes Life Flight at 633 County Rd. 111 (10:53 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to set up landing zone for Haynes Life Flight at 32 County Rd. 349 (2:20 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at Beaver Dam Apts. (11:00 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11 — Prowler reported on Putnam St. (12:48 a.m.); Haynes Rescue dispatched to 1556 Gray St. (11:48 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a mower fire at 22038 Hwy. 87 (7:30 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JULY 12 — Routine activity.

FRIDAY, JULY 13 — Possible prowler reported on Elm Ave. (12:14 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a wreck on Hwy. 84 W before Hwy. 141

(5:53 p.m.); Minor wreck (boat came loose from vehicle) reported at 440 Reese Ave. (9:15 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JULY 14 — Elba Fire Department dispatched to a medical call at 382 County Rd. 404 (10:42 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a medical call at the Ranch House (12:15 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1109 Neil Grantham Dr. (12:48 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JULY 15 — Routine activity.

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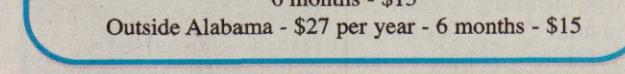
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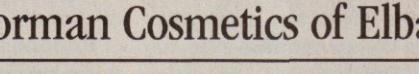


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**Students return to school Aug. 6th in Elba
Orientation dates set for all
grades at Elba City Schools**

The first day of school for Elba City Schools' students lurks just around the corner, but there are several important upcoming dates for students and parents to be aware of in preparation for the start of the 2018-2019 school year.

All students selected to participate in the Pre-K program for Elba City Schools will need to attend an orientation with parents on Tuesday, July 24, from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Postcards were mailed to all students selected for the program. For questions, call the elementary school at 334-897-2814.

Both the elementary school and high school have orientation dates and times set for students. During orientation at the

high school, students also will be able to pick up their class schedule.

On Tuesday, July 31, at 5:30 p.m., students in grades 7th and 8th at the high school will attend orientation and pick up class schedules. Students in grade 1st-3rd also will have orientation in the cafeteria of the elementary school this night at 6:30 p.m.

On Thursday, Aug. 2, at 5:30 p.m., students in grades 9th-12th at the high school will attend orientation and pick up class schedules. Students in grade 4th-6th also will have orientation in the cafeteria of the elementary school this night at 6:30 p.m.

The first day of school for Elba's students will be Monday, Aug. 6th.

Landmark Park presents Animal Adventures on upcoming Fridays

Every Friday through July 27th, Landmark Park in Dothan will present Animal Adventures, a special one-hour educational program which provides a unique opportunity to learn about the natural world.

Children ages 5 and older are encouraged to come with their families to see firsthand the wonder of native and exotic animals. Programs begin at 10 a.m. in the Park's Interpretive Center Auditorium. Free with paid gate admission (\$4 for adults, \$3 for kids, free for members and children 2 and under); online registration is required.

Visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com to register.

PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE:

JULY 20: ALLIGATORS

Tim Ward, with the Alabama Department of Conservation, will present a program on one of South Alabama's most misunderstood creatures, the American Alligator. A combination of slides, skins, and skulls—as well as a live alligator—will be used to illustrate and teach participants about the lifestyle and habitats of this unique animal.

JULY 27: HOMING PIGEONS

Homing Pigeons are incredible birds which have an innate homing ability that allows them to return from incredible distances to their nesting area. Join John Ross Helms, member of the Wiregrass Racing Pigeon Club, as he shares his 30+ years of experience

INEZ HARDEN WATSON

Mrs. Inez Harden Watson, age 93, died Saturday, June 23, 2018, in Winter Haven, Fla. She was born June 18, 1925 in the Pine Level Community of Coffee County to Oliver and Minneola Harden.

Funeral services were held June 27, 2018 from Ott-Laughline Funeral Home, Winter Haven.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her two husbands, Samuel Rials and George Watson.

Survivors include three children: John Rials, Gayle (Jimmy) Moss and Connie Rials; two sisters: Martha Wilson, Geneva, Ala., and Bertha Ellis Anderson, Elba; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

PAMELA SMITH SPURLIN

Mrs. Pamela Smith Spurlin, age 56, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, July 12, 2018, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

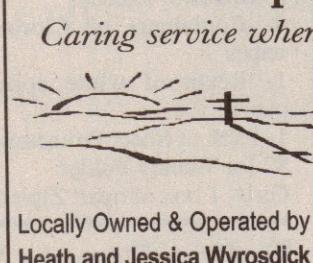
Funeral services were held July 14, 2018 from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Joe Farris and Rev. Larry Wise officiating. Burial services followed in the Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Shiloh Baptist Church.

Mrs. Spurlin was preceded in death by her father, Martin Van Buren Smith.

Survivors include her husband: James T Spurlin, Elba; mother: Margie R. Smith, Elba; daughter: Jana K. Hutchinson, Elba; grandsons: Justin Hutchinson and Brandon Hutchinson, both of Elba; sister: Gail Pasco, Elba; brothers: Marvin V. Smith, Yukon, Okla., Stephen Smith, Yuma, Ariz., and Jeff R. Smith, Elba; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

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ROBERT EARL BOWDEN

Mr. Robert Earl Bowden, age 68, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, July 14, 2018, at Medical Center Enterprise in Enterprise, Ala.

Memorial services were held July 16, 2018 from Whitewater Baptist Church with Rev. Richard Collier officiating. The Bowden family requests in lieu of flowers contributions be made to Whitewater Baptist Church. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba handled arrangements for the family.

Survivors include his wife: Paula Abbott Bowden, Elba; son and daughter-in-law: Robert Theodore "Bobby" and Melissa Lynn Bowden, Elba; sisters: Carolyn (Johnny) Blackmon, and Catherine (Ronnie) Young, both of Elba; brother: Charles D. (Magratha) Bowden, Victoria, Ala.

MAE FRANCIS GULLEY

Mrs. Mae Francis Gulley, age 73, of Elba, Ala., died at home Wednesday, July 11, 2018.

She was born in Coffee County to Tommie and Annie Mae Daniels on September 4, 1944. She was married to the late Claud Gulley for 49 years and was a member of Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held July 17, 2018 from Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church. Coleman Funeral Home of Elba was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Gulley was preceded in death by her husband, Claud Gulley; parents, Tommie and Annie Mae Daniels; son, Kennedy (Kenny) Daniels; sisters, Mattie Mae Daniels, Jewel Kate Youngblood; and brother, Billie Daniels.

Survivors include her sons: Douglas Daniels (Janet), Enterprise, Ala., Thomas Keith Daniels, Atlanta, Ga.; nieces:

Amanda Holmes (Henry), Hinesville, Ga., Marie Liptrot (James), Roeton, Ala., Dolray Fleming, Elba; one brother-in-law: Elber Lee Gulley, Atlanta; one sister-in-law: Ollie Mae McGee, Orlando, Fla.; three grandchildren: Tyrese Daniels, Birmingham, Ala., Shawn Abbott, Dothan, Ala., Ted Caldwell, Enterprise; five great-grandchildren; a dedicated neighbor, Lula Cole; and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends.

DONALD RAY DUNCAN

Mr. Donald Ray Duncan, age 66, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Monday, July 16, 2018, at the Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 18, at 2 p.m., from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home with Rev. Will Jordan officiating.

Burial followed in the Newbia Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday from 1-2 p.m.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Claudio Bell Duncan and Roy Ollie V. Duncan; along with brothers, Robert, Raymond, Jerry, Charlie, and Randall Duncan.

Survivors include his sisters: Margaret (Hollis)

Smith, Carolyn (Steve) Hudson, and Louise (Randolph) Beck, all of Elba, Shirley (Dorman) Richards, Andalusia, Ala.; and his companion: Thelma Acree, Elba.

LWCC offering conversational Spanish class

LBW Community College in Andalusia is offering an eight-week Conversational Spanish class on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-8 p.m., August 21 - October 11, 2018.

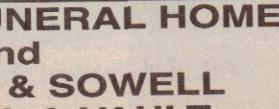
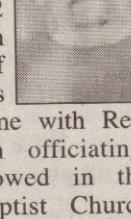
Classes will be held in the Library building in room L-133 on the Andalusia Campus.

This class will teach students basic conversational Spanish. Students will learn how to use memory techniques to quickly form a large Spanish vocabulary in order to break the barrier of communication.

The cost of the course is \$180 per participant.

Space is limited. Students may register in person in the Student Services Office Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. or Friday, 8 a.m. - Noon. Registration deadline is August 14, 2018.

For more information, contact Noelle Worley at (334) 881-2231 or e-mail nworley@lbwcc.edu



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LIFESTYLES

Kindergarten Jump Start set for July 25-26 at Elba Elementary

Elba Elementary School's Kindergarten Jump Start will be held July 25th-26th from 8:30-11 a.m.

All new kindergarten students for Elba City Schools are invited to come join the fun. By attending these two short days, the new kindergarten students will have the opportunity to become familiar with faculty, friends, and the procedures of their new school before the older students arrive.

For those not enrolled in school yet, registration

packets are available in the elementary office.

Stay connected in downtown Elba

Residents, visitors and students alike can now stay online while enjoying the outdoors in Elba's Main Street Community Space. The initial Wi-Fi deployment is on the Clements Corner of Court Square, a premier gathering place and venue for resting, visiting, studying, and events.



THE FRANCIS GENERAL BARTOW MADDOX FAMILY REUNION was held Saturday, June 30, in Elba. Family members from Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, Michigan, Australia were in attendance. The annual event was held at the Elba Elementary School.

Elba Elementary School 2018-2019 Supply Lists for 1st-6th Grades

1st Grade Supply List	notebooks (wide rule)	notebooks
Plastic supply box	1-inch binder · Pencil	2 plastic pocket folders
One 1-in. binder with clear front pocket	pouch or supply box · 4	3 Packs of mechanical pencils with lead
6 packs of #2 yellow wood pencils (no mechanical)	rolls of paper towels	1 pair of scissors
1 pack of multi-colored construction paper	2 boxes of Kleenex	1 bottle of hand sanitizer
4 boxes of Crayola Crayons - 24 count	2 large bottles of hand sanitizer	4 boxes of Kleenex
1 pack of highlighters	3 containers of Lysol wipes	4 rolls of paper towels
1 pair of Fiskar brand scissors - blunt	2 packs of black dry-erase markers	4 containers of Clorox wipes
1 bottle of Elmer's school glue (no glue stick)	Girls: 1 box Ziploc quart size bags	3 reams of white copy paper
2 packs of jumbo pink erasers (no cap erasers)	Boys: 1 box Ziploc gallon size bags	1 ream of colored copy paper
1 ream of copy paper	Ear buds or headphones	1 pack of sticky Post-it Notes
4 single subject/wide ruled composition books	\$2.00 for Weekly Folder	Basic function calculator
3 packs of Expo black dry erase markers	Please no permanent markers, Trapper Keepers, handheld pencil sharpeners, or rolling book bags.	Girls - One box of quart Zip-lock Bags
4 plastic folders with pockets (1 red/1 blue/1 green/1 yellow)		Boys - One box of gallon Zip-lock Bags
Headphones (no earbuds)		Pair of headphones
5 boxes of facial tissue		1 - 5-Subject notebook
1 pack of sheet protectors		1 ruler
2 bottles of hand sanitizer		\$2.00 for Weekly folder
6 rolls of paper towels		No rolling book bags
3 containers of Lysol wipes		No binders or Trapper Keepers
Boys: 1 box of Ziploc gallon size bags		
Girls: 1 box of Ziploc quart size bags		
Back pack (no rolling)		
\$2.00 for Weekly Folder		
2nd Grade Supply List		
2 packs of Crayola crayons-24 count		
1 pair of Fisksars scissors		
5 packs of pencils- 10 count		
2 large glue sticks · 1 pack of Wide-Rule loose-leaf notebook paper		
3 one-subject composition		
3rd Grade Supply List		
1- 4 pack of black EXPO dry erase markers		
1- Supply pouch (No boxes please)		
6- Bound Composition Notebooks (Not spiral bound)		
1- Pack of highlighters		
3 - Packs of wide-rule notebook paper		
1- Pack of Multicolored Construction Paper		
5- 3 hole plastic folders		
3- 24-pack of #2 yellow pencils (No mechanical)		
1- Pair of scissors		
2- Packs of 24 ct Crayola crayons		
3 - Large glue sticks		
1- Pair of headphones (no earbuds)		
2- Packs of Jumbo Pink Erasers		
1- Refill Bottle of hand sanitizer		
3- Rolls of paper towels		
6- Boxes of Kleenex		
4- Containers of Clorox wipes		
1- Ream of white copy paper		
1- Pack of Sheet Protectors		
\$2 for Weekly Folder		
Girls- 1 box of quart Ziploc		
4th Grade Supply List		
1 - 3-ring binder or Trapper Keeper		
2 spiral notebooks (1 subject each)		
4 folders, with holes to fit in binder		
2 packs of notebook paper, wide-ruled		
5 packs of pencils (NO MECHANICAL PENCILS!)		
2 boxes of crayons		
2 glue sticks		
4 LARGE erasers (not the eraser caps)		
4 composition notebooks		
1 package of lined index cards (small)		
1 package of expo markers, black only (4 pack)		
2 highlighters, any color		
1 zippered pencil pouch with 3 holes to fit in binder (no boxes!)		
6 rolls of paper towels		
4 boxes of facial tissues		
1 Germ-ex		
1 bottle of hand soap		
2 containers of Clorox wipes		
1 box of Ziploc bags (boys bring gallon-size, girls bring quart-size)		
1 pack of multiplication flash cards		
1 pack of copy paper		
1 pack of cardstock (white or colored) (optional)		
Students DO NOT need to bring:		
Mechanical (refillable) pencils, hand-held pencil sharpeners		
5th Grade Supply List		
Supply pouch (no boxes)		
3 packs of wide-rule notebook paper		
1 Pack of graph paper		
5 One-subject spiral bound		

Coffee County School System plans Kindergarten JUMPSTART for Thursday, Aug. 2nd, at schools

Coffee County Schools (Kinston, New Brockton and Zion Chapel) will hold their JUMPSTART program Thursday, Aug. 2, from 8-11 a.m.

JUMPSTART is a one day program that allows incoming pre k and kindergarten students an orientation opportunity before the beginning of school. The day is three hours in length during which time the students are exposed to a mini kindergarten schedule, allowed to tour the building, and introduced to their teacher as well as several other staff members.

Students and parents are to report to the school with their beginning school supplies Thursday, Aug. 2. The students will then go with their teacher to the classroom. The parents will remain in the library for an orientation meeting with the principal. When this meeting is completed the parents will go to their child's room for a meeting

with the teacher.

During the parent/teacher meeting the teacher will explain his/her discipline plan, class schedule, rules, drop off/pick up procedure for students, answer questions,

Coffee County School System working to identify all persons with disabilities not enrolled in an educational setting

The Coffee County School System is in the process of identifying all persons with disabilities, ages 3-21 years, who are not enrolled in an educational setting, and all 0-3 year old children with disabilities.

The parent of a child with disabilities, or those who know of someone who is disabled, are asked to contact the principal of the local school or the special education coordinator office at the Coffee County Board of Education at 334-897-5016.

It is important that all persons with disabilities be identified so appropriate services can be provided.

Contact persons include:

Tami Crosby, special services coordinator, 334-897-5016

Kelly Cobb, federal programs coordinator, 334-897-5016

Danny Branch, principal, Kinston School, 334-565-3016

Jason Hadden, principal, New Brockton Elementary, 334-894-6152

Alonzo Barkley, principal, New Brockton High, 334-894-2350

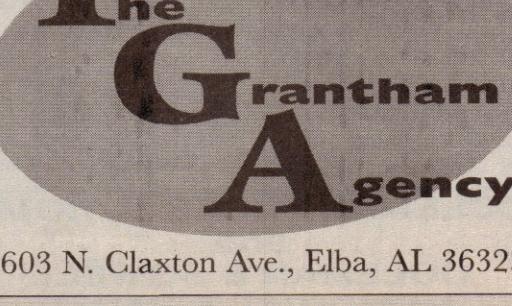
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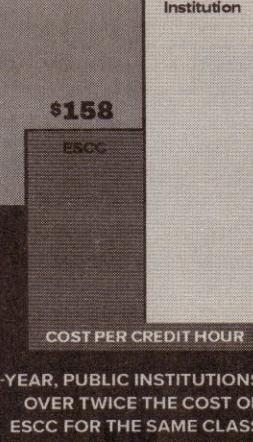
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CHURCH NEWS

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ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

SUN AND SON

The words "Sun" and "Son" are spelled differently but they sound alike. Let's look at these words.

The Sun is the center of our solar system and gives us heat and light. Without the sun the earth would die. If the earth were any closer to the sun we would burn up and if the earth was any further away we would freeze to death. Everything in our solar system depends on the Sun.

Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is the light that leads us to salvation. If we are Christians, Jesus should be the center of our lives. Without Jesus we would die spiritually. All people need to depend on Jesus. Revelation 21:23 tells us about a place that God has prepared for His followers that has no need of a sun because of the Son. The Living Bible (TLB) ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to light it, for the glory of God and of the Lamb illuminate it.

Wow! God's son, Jesus will be the sun in Heaven. I hope that Jesus is the center of your life today. If not, faithfully obey His will this day. Become right with God, so that when this life is over we can go to Heaven in the light that gives life to all the world.

Revelation 22:1-5 Living Bible (TLB) And he pointed out to me a river of pure Water of Life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and the Lamb, ² coursing down the center of the main street. On each side of the river grew Trees of Life, ^[a] bearing twelve crops of fruit, with a fresh crop each month; the leaves were used for medicine to heal the nations. ³ There shall be nothing in the city that is evil; for the throne of God and of the Lamb will be there, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ And they shall see his face; and his name shall be written on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no night there, no need for lamps or sun, for the Lord God will be their light; and they shall reign forever and ever.

Life under the sun is meaningless and hopeless, but life with the Son is full of meaning and hope. Not only does life with the Son give us meaning in this life, but it also gives us hope for the life to come; the life beyond the grave. This earthly life is not all there is. Eternity is waiting. John 10:10 Jesus the Son said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Life with the Son is abundant. It is rich and full.

Hymnal Congregational Singing set for Aug. 4th at Country Cathedral Church

There will be Hymnal Congregational Singing on Saturday, Aug. 4, at Country Cathedral Church. **are:** Ken Helms, Byrdel Kersey, Daren Kersey, LaFern Griggs, Frieda Dyess

Song Leaders for this event are: Luther Jackson, John Barrow, Michael Bush, Glen Farri, Frieda Dyess and the

Musicians are: Gene Griggs, Michael Bush, Kerry Dyess.

There will also be a Community Choir.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Diana White, Pastor

Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship . . . 9:45 a.m.

Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) . . . 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Dale Morgan-Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

EATON BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Ward, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Philip Box, Minister

Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF PROPHECY

H.L. Buckner-Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m.

Thur. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE

Allen Richards, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Dwight Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Michael Lawler, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH

Lovell Martin, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Chestnut Grove Methodist

Rev. Remonia Smith

Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

Cornerstone Bible Church

Larry Mills-Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

Elba Zion Bapt. Church

Lovell Martin, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Four Calvary Quartet set to perform July 21st at Elba First Baptist Church

The Four Calvary Quartet will be presenting a Southern Gospel program at Elba First Baptist Church on Saturday, July 21, at 6 p.m.

The group, from Bonifay,

All are invited to attend this program.

Homecoming set July 22nd at Damascus Baptist Church

Homecoming is planned for Sunday, July 22, at Damascus Baptist Church, located at 774 County Road 547, Elba, Ala.

This service will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The morning message will be provided by Bro. Steve Watson. The church Praise Teams, both young and old, will lead the special music.

Pastors and families will be honored as well as

VBS set for July 22-25 at Wooten Chapel Assembly of God Church

Wooten Chapel Assembly of God Church, located at 2988 County Road 514, Elba, Ala., will have Vacation Bible School on July 22nd-25th.

Bible Boot Camp VBS is for ages 4-17 and will be from 6-8 p.m. each night.

Come join the fun!

Newbia Baptist Church announces July 28th concert by The Cavaliers

Newbia Baptist Church, located at 3819 County Road 330, Elba, will host the Cavaliers Quartet in concert Saturday, July 28, at 6 p.m.

Free admission, but a love offering will be taken.

For more information, call Pastor Will Jordan at (334) 308-7510.

Everyone invited.

Annual business meeting for Zoar Cemetery set for Saturday, July 21

The annual business meeting for Zoar Cemetery will be Saturday, July 21, at 10 a.m., in the Morrow Hall building, located on County Road 331.

A financial report will be given and project work outlined for 2018-2019. Everyone interested in the care and upkeep of the cemetery is encouraged to attend this meeting.

The featured group will be Old Southern Gospel.

All are invited to attend.

5th Sunday Night Gospel Singing set for Pleasant Ridge Church

There will be a 5th Sunday Night Gospel Singing at Pleasant Ridge Church, located on County Road 228 near the Victoria Community, on Sunday evening, July 29, at 5 p.m.

The featured group will be Old Southern Gospel.

All are invited to attend.

** James Production presents A Gospel Explosion on Saturday,

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6/26 Rashad Robinson

Crystal Sowell Wright

6/26 (in memory)

Bill Jr. and Ronda

Robinson 6/27 (W.A.)

Elouise Caldwell

6/27 Claudine Hammonds

Kelley 6/28 Linda Tillis

Willie and Jeanette Tillis

6/29 (W.A.) Rhoda Tomlinson

Jonas Rogers 6/29

Jordan Bryant 6/29

Margaret Williams 6/29

** Homecoming and Revival Services for Holy Tabernacle Church of Deliverance

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Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest open now

The Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest is now accepting entries through October 31, 2018.

The contest is a joint project between the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Alabama Tourism Department and the Alabama Bicentennial Commission. The photo contest is open to state residents and visitors alike, but qualifying photos must have been taken in Alabama.

Contest coordinator Kim Nix says a new category connects the celebration of statehood to the photo contest, which is in its 14th year.

LBWCC offering medical coding study course

LBW Community College in Opp is offering a 15-week, non-credit Medical Coding study course beginning in August.

This course is available for those who wish to focus strictly on preparing for the national certification exam to become a certified professional coder (CPC). According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, jobs for certified professional coders will increase 22 percent through the year 2022.

This is a great opportunity to obtain training locally to meet the industry demand.

Classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, Aug. 21 – Dec. 6, 2018 from 5:30 – 6:45 p.m.

Registration is now underway. For more information or to register for the 15-week study course, contact Noelle Worley at 334-881-2231 or email at nwolley@lbwcc.edu.

"We added an Alabama Bicentennial category this year. Photos in this category could include historical parks, forts, lighthouses, battlefields or archeological sites. Those are just some examples—it's a broad category," Nix said.

She added, "Our other new category this year is Waterfalls. It's been such a popular subject for photos in previous contests that we decided to make it a focal point this year. Ultimately, our goal is to encourage residents and visitors to explore Alabama's outdoor spaces and document them through photography."

The contest is open to adults and youth. A total of 10 photos per person may be entered in the following categories: Alabama Bicentennial, Birds of a Feather, Bugs and Butterflies, Coastal Life, Cold-blooded Critters, Nature-Based Recreation, Shoots and Roots, State Park Adventures, Sweet Home Alabama, Watchable Wildlife, Waterfalls, Young Photographer.

Category explanations and additional entry information may be found at www.outdooralabama.com/photo-contest. Entry is restricted to the online

upload of digital images, which can be completed from a computer, tablet or mobile phone.

The deadline for entries is October 31, 2018. First, second, third and one honorable mention will be awarded in each category.

Winning images will be featured online and in a traveling exhibit across the state during 2019. An exhibit of 2018 winners is currently on display around the state.

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PUBLIC RELEASE

Public Release

Coffee County Schools today announced its policy for free and reduced-price meals for children served in schools under the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program. Local school officials have adopted the following household size and income criteria for determining eligibility: Children need healthy meals to learn. **Coffee County Schools** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.00; lunch costs \$2.25. **Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals.** Reduced price is \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch. This packet includes an application for free or reduced price meal benefits, and a set of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?

- All children in households receiving benefits from **SNAP, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or TANF**, are eligible for free meals.
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- Children who are directly certified are eligible to receive free meals.
- Children who currently receive benefits from an Assistance Program (SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR) can extend eligibility for free meals to all children who are members of the household. If any child in a household receiving Assistance Program benefits was not listed on the eligibility notice, the household should contact the school district or school to have benefits extended to that child.
- Children may receive free or reduced price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES 2018-2019

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ELIGIBILITY SCALE FOR FREE MEALS/MILK			HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ELIGIBILITY SCALE FOR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS/MILK			
	PER YEAR	PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS		PER YEAR	PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	PER WEEK
1	15,782	1,316	607	304	1	22,459	1,872	864
2	21,398	1,784	823	412	2	30,451	2,538	1,172
3	27,014	2,252	1,039	520	3	38,443	3,204	1,479
4	32,630	2,720	1,255	628	4	46,435	3,870	1,786
5	38,246	3,188	1,471	736	5	54,427	4,536	2,094
6	43,862	3,656	1,687	844	6	62,419	5,202	2,401
7	49,478	4,124	1,903	952	7	70,411	5,868	2,709
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2. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail your child's school or Carol Mooney, homeless liaison or migrant coordinator. **DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.** We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to your child's school.

3. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact Janet N. Hendricks, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, AL 36323, 334-897-5016, hendricksj@coffeecounty.k12.al.us immediately.

4. CAN I APPLY ONLINE? No. An online application is not available at this time.

5. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year, through September 17, 2018. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.

6. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please send in an application.

7. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. In accordance with program regulations school officials will be verifying the income of some households at some time during the school year. Selected households will be requested to provide income documentation in order to continue receiving free and reduced-price meals.

8. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

9. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Kevin Killingsworth, Superintendent, Coffee County Schools, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, Alabama 36323, 334-897-5016..

10. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced price meals.

11. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.

12. WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT? Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application, or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.

13. DO I HAVE TO PROVIDE MY SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER? Only the last 4 digits of the social security number of the household's primary wage earner or another adult household member (or an indication of "none") is required.

14. MAY I DECLINE BENEFITS? Yes. Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact the LEA or school if they choose to decline the free meal benefits.

15. WHAT IF ALL CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS ARE NOT ON THE NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY LETTER? If children or households receive benefits under Assistance Programs or Other Source Categorically Eligible Programs and are not listed on the notice of eligibility and are not notified by the school of their free meal benefits, the parent or guardian should contact the school or should submit an income application.

16. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.

17. WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper, and attach it to your application. Contact your child's school to receive a second application.

18. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for SNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-800-382-0499.

If you have other questions or need help, call 334-897-5016.

Sincerely,
Janet N. Hendricks
Child Nutrition Director

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(1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

1400 Independence Avenue, SW

Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

(2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: ESTATE OF EVELYN W. HOCUTT Deceased.

Cast NO. PC 2018-052

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Take Notice that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Della LaWanna Flowers as Personal Representative of the Estate of Evelyn W. Hocutt, deceased, on July 3, 2018 by the Honorable Steven E. Blair, Judge of Probate. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Della Lawanna Flowers
Della Lawanna Flowers
Personal Representative of the Estate of Evelyn W. Hocutt, deceased
7/12/19, 26-pd

U. S. Tank, Inc. hereby gives notice of completion of a contract with Coffee County Water Authority for water system improvements - Britt and Fairview tank painting and rehabilitation. This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks beginning July 12, 2018 and ending August 2, 2018. All claims in connection with this project should be filed during this period with the Engineer, David Hicks and Associates, 406 Dothan Road, Abbeville, AL 36310.
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SPORTS

VIEWS FROM THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our little grandson **Lawson** came over for a visit over the weekend and gave his 'ole granddaddy a lesson in how to play Mario on his laptop. There was no way I could keep up with his advice and keep an eye on the screen at the same time, but can assure you my little man has it under control.

For what it is worth....

*** **The Elba Tigers** got back to work last week on the football field as they continued to condition prior to the beginning of actual fall camp. I know the players get tired of going out and running, pushing sleds and running plays, but the hard work will no doubt have them ready for the day when the pads come on. Coach Harrison and his staff are a very dedicated group determined to mold the players into a winning football team, and I am ready for the season to start.

*** **The Elba Lady Tiger volleyball team** hosted a play date with Carroll, of Ozark, last week and every player dressed in black and gold got the chance to get on the court in a real game-type atmosphere and compete against an opponent. The volleyball program at Elba High has struggled to post wins over the past several years, but for the first time in years has the same head coach for two straight years, and hopefully that means the girls on the team will know the system and take a giant step toward becoming a volleyball power.

*** **Kinston High School** got its new head football coach last week when veteran coach George Kennedy accepted the leash to lead the Bulldogs. Coach Kennedy has coached at over a dozen schools during his 37-year career, and has had the opportunity to coach at just about every level of competition. The fact he didn't arrive on campus until mid-July isn't good for the coach or the players, but his experience should pay extra dividends and help the Bulldogs get ready in a hurry. Don't let the road map of his stops fool ya, Coach Kennedy is a football coach and will be successful.

*** **The rumored departure of New Brockton basketball coach Anthony Carter became fact** last week when the four-year Gamecock head coach left for the head basketball job at Abbeville. Coach Carter ruffled a few feathers during his stop at New Brockton due to his vocal style of coaching and his demanding ways on and off the court for his players, but always had his team ready to play and every opponent knew that when they took the court against the Gamecocks they would be in for a real fight. Abbeville's gain is a loss for the basketball program at New Brockton, but basketball at New Brockton has been a winner for years and will continue to be a winner.

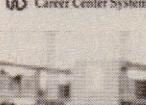
*** **The folks down at St. Paul's may have lost round one** in their battle against the AHSAA, but the school's head master vowed last week to continue the fight and stated the fight would be a long one. The private school is fighting the AHSAA ruling that bases the classification of a private school on both enrollment and success in a sport, and because of the new rule pushed the Saints football team from 5A to 6A. The school has an actual enrollment that would make it a 4A school, but students in private schools are counted differently, and beginning this year the success of a sports team can also change the classification. I personally don't believe that any private school should be able to compete against a public school for a state title in any sport. So, you know how I feel about St. Paul's and its suit.

*** **In closing....** two girls softball teams from the county will make the long trip to Louisiana next week to compete at the Dixie Softball World Series. The Coffee County All-Stars will represent the state in the 12 and Under tournament, while Zion Chapel will represent the state in the 10 and Under tournament. The teams will compete against other state champions from Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Florida, Texas, Georgia and South Carolina, and whether they bring home a trophy or not, the girls will gain valuable experience. Both teams will spend at least four days in Louisiana while competing at the tournament, and will no doubt absorb much more than just softball. Good Luck!!

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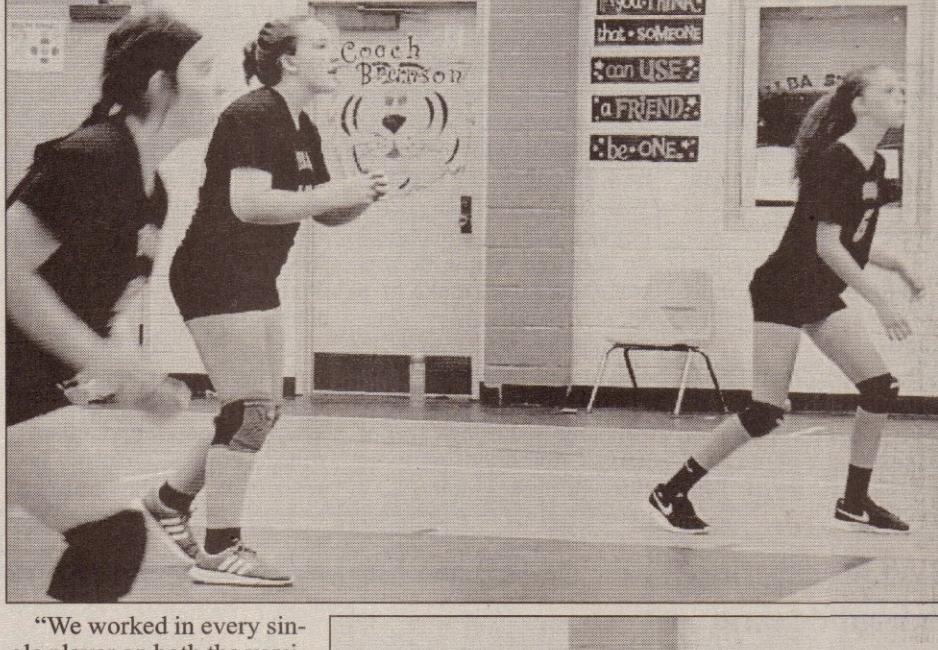
Host play date

Lady Tigers hit the volleyball court

The Elba Lady Tiger volleyball team hosted a play date last week for its varsity and junior varsity squads, and after three hours of competition and teaching, Lady Tiger head coach Melissa Mularz was encouraged by the play of her teams.

"We have been conditioning all summer and have only really been on the court for a few days," said Mularz, "but the girls played hard, worked well together and showed me a real desire to be winners on the court. We kind of changed the rules during the matches to make it as much of a teaching session as a match, and after the matches the players had a better realization of the amount of work left before the season starts. We have a long way to go and have a lot of young players, but I am confident that we will be competitive every time we take the court and will be ready to play when the time comes."

The play date was against Carroll, of Ozark, a 5A school that advanced to the Elite Eight last season, and all players on both teams got the opportunity to get on the court in game-type situations.



"We worked in every single player on both the varsity and junior varsity teams," added Coach Mularz, "and some of the younger girls really opened my eyes about their skills and their desire to play. We will be off the court this week due to all-star week, but when we get back we will begin to develop into a team with set formations and responsibilities, and then work hard to get better and better every time we get on the court. I believe it will be an exciting season for volleyball at Elba High."

Kennedy named new head football coach at Kinston

Kinston High School officials were looking for an experienced head football coach to fill their vacancy and lead the Bulldogs during the 2018 season, and found just that last week when they named veteran Wiregrass football coach George Kennedy to the position.

Kennedy has been the head coach at five schools and an assistant at nine other schools during his 37-year career on the sidelines, and was employed on a contract basis due to the fact no teaching slots were available at the school.

The new Bulldog head coach resigned his position as the head football coach at Northside Methodist Academy after an 0-10 season, but has enjoyed a winning career in the prep ranks and owns a career record as a head coach of 72-79.

Kennedy posted a 39-36 record at Wicksburg in seven seasons and led Rehobeth to a 27-17 record in four seasons, with seven of the eleven teams advancing to the state playoffs. His 1998 Wicksburg team reached the state quarterfinals and posted an 11-2 record, while his 2005 team at Rehobeth reached the second round of the playoffs and posted a 10-2 record.

He was the head coach at Susan Moore for six games in 2006, and also served as the head coach at G.W. Long for the 2007 season and half of the 2008 campaign.

Hiring a head football coach in July is never an ideal situation," said Kinston principal Danny Branch, in a published interview, "but we will make the best out of any situation and we look forward to Coach Kennedy using his many years of experience to lead our Bulldogs to an outstanding season."



Elba Lady Tiger volleyball coach Melissa Mularz instructs players during a play date last week against Carroll. The varsity and junior varsity teams both competed at the summer event.

Carter resigns basketball post at New Brockton for move to Abbeville

The New Brockton Gamecocks were left hunting a new head boys' basketball coach last week after Coach Anthony Carter resigned to accept the head basketball post at Abbeville High School.

Carter had been the head coach at New Brockton for the past four years and helped guide the Gamecocks to a South Region final during his tenure.

"It was a tough decision," stated Carter in a published interview, "but Abbeville is in basketball country and it is the opportunity of a lifetime for me to coach at a school with a good group of kids and a good system. It also will give me the opportunity to coach football again as an assistant, and I have really missed football. I've got some experience coaching on the offensive side of the ball and I am looking forward to it."

While Carter was excited about the opportunity to coach at Abbeville, he also expressed thanks for his opportunity at New Brockton.

"I really enjoyed the kids and the community at New Brockton and it was a great place to be involved in," added Carter, in a published interview. "It was a learning experience for me and the number of texts I have received let me know that I impacted many lives. The fact the people at New Brockton understood that I really cared about the kids and that they are going to miss me means a lot."

"I want to get that (state championship) banner," said Carter when asked about his goals at Abbeville. "I am a coach that thinks a 20-win season isn't anything if you get put out of the playoffs in the first round. My goal is always going to be to get that banner and hang it up in the gym."



STATE CHAMPS

The Zion Chapel Dixie Angels claimed the Alabama 'State Championship' in Dixie Softball last week. Zion Chapel won a series with Coffee County 10-0, 11-12, 28-12 to take the title.

Team members include Kaylee Hodge, Aubrey Bassett, Eva Barnett, Hagen Sessions, Gracie Paramore, Jenna Boley, Caroline Jordan, Virginia Faircloth, Sydney Boothe, Savannah Norris, Kylie Jordan and Claire Clark. Coaches are David Jordan, Chris Hodge, Krysti Boothe and April Hodge.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



This photo shows corn field damage due to feral hog feeding and trampling

Farmers continue to struggle against feral hogs

Local farmers are seeing increased crop damage due to feral hogs, or more commonly referred to as wild pigs.

Wild pigs prefer the soft soil and available food sources planted fields provide. The economic damage is also staggering.

It is estimated that wild pigs account for over \$50 million worth of damage to agricultural crops and land in Alabama.

With the high cost of agricultural inputs such as seed, fertilizer, machinery, and labor costs, many farmers cannot afford to have their crops destroyed by these nuisance animals. This dire situation leaves many agricultural producers searching for control options to combat the damage caused by wild pigs.

The first, and most effective, control option to agricultural producers and landowners is trapping. However, for trapping to be an effective control method, it must be executed correctly.

The key to trapping is to catch and eliminate as many pigs as possible at one time. This population, or family unit, of pigs is called a "sounder". The reason this is important, is because of the high reproductive rates of wild pigs.

Wild pigs can reach reproductive maturity in as little as 6 months, can produce 4 to 14 piglets per litter, and can have 1 to 2 litters per year – so one sow can possibly birth 28 piglets in a year with few natural predators. Properly executed trapping gives the farmer or landowner the ability to catch hogs 24 hours a day. Landowners must effectively kill 80% of the wild pig population in their area, and maintain, to prevent it from expanding.

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Cotton field damage due to rooting and wallowing from feral hogs

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Another option is wild hog removal via hunting. This option is usually done at night when wild pigs are more active. However, in order to eliminate large numbers of pigs while hunting, specialized equipment such as night vision and thermal optics are needed.

A 30-30 rifle and a spotlight will not eliminate enough wild pigs for effective control.

Six tips to keep pets safe during storm season

While no one is immune from the devastation of a natural disaster, preparing before a storm hits is key to keeping everyone in the family—including pets—safe.

Here are six ideas to keep in mind for the pet while mapping out a disaster preparedness plan.

- Have the pet microchipped.

In the event of an emergency—natural or otherwise—one will want to ensure the pet can get back to its owner if separated. Collars and ID tags, though important, can break or detach. Microchips—computerized and scannable implants about the size of a grain of rice—are more fool-proof since they're inserted under the pet's skin.

- Bring the pets inside at the first sign of danger.

Disasters can be disorienting for pets, and they could run away or hurt themselves reacting to loud noises and strange changes to their landscape. Also, rain, flying debris and high winds pose a danger.

- If the family has to leave, keep the pet with you.

Wild pig removal contractors can often assist with removal by hunting, and trapping, for a fee.

While biological control options are being studied and evaluated, none are available at this time. Agricultural producers and landowners should work together and with their neighbors in order to effectively control wild pig populations on owned or rented lands.

For more information, contact the local county extension office or Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources office. The Coffee County Extension office can be reached by calling 334-894-5596.

From 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 20, until midnight, Sunday, July 22, the state waives its four-percent

sales tax on school-related supplies and clothing. More than 300 cities and counties throughout Alabama waive their local taxes as well.

Exempt items include:

- clothing priced at \$100 or less per article of clothing;
- school supplies valued at \$50 or less per item;
- books that cost \$30 or less per book; and

Alabama's back-to-school sales tax holiday is this weekend

Alabama's 13th annual sales tax holiday for school-related items begins Friday, July 20. This marks the second year the annual tax holiday will take place during the third weekend in July.

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Coffee County Extension to host pond management seminar Thursday evening, July 26, in New Brockton

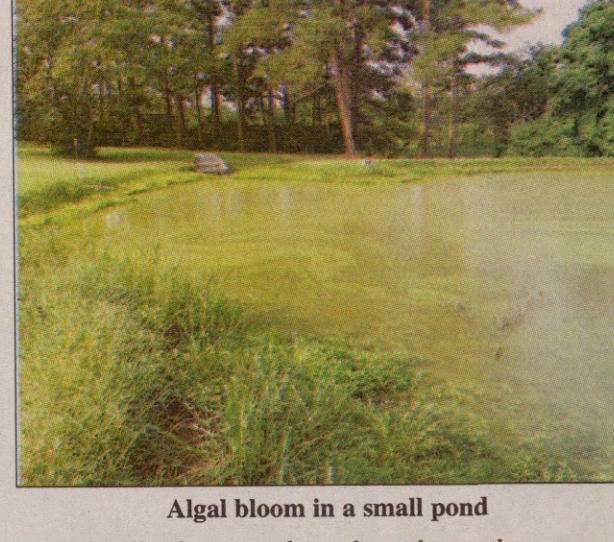
"What do I need to do to my pond?" is one of the most common questions at the Coffee County Extension office.

Landowners and pond managers want to have a great looking pond, or one that is great for fishing, whatever their personal goal may be. Alabama has about 50,000 small, private ponds covering more than 134,000 acres.

Ponds are usually built for several purposes: irrigation, livestock watering, and recreation. Recreation is probably the most important reason for building a pond in Alabama.

Unfortunately, most ponds are poorly managed for recreation; even though as much as 25 percent of all fishing takes place in private ponds.

Properly managed ponds provide excellent recreational opportunities. A good fishing pond must be managed like a vegetable garden: It must be seeded (or stocked) properly, limed



Algal bloom in a small pond

and fertilized correctly, weeded now and then, and harvested in the correct numbers and on an appropriate timetable. Naturally, the next question is, when do I perform this maintenance, and how do I go about doing it?

Generally speaking, lime is to be applied in the late fall and winter months, while fertilizer can be applied in the spring and

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Elba's STEM summer program concludes with exciting trip to Space Center in Huntsville

Time sure does fly when having fun! The 21st Century Community Learning Center STEM summer program at Elba City Schools has come to an end. Students ended their 4-week program learning about Healthy Eating habits and Space/Flight.

Students had the opportunity to visit the Alabama Wildlife Federation Park in Millbrook, Ala. where they had the opportunity to learn about the various animals and vegetation native to Alabama. They also visited the US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala.

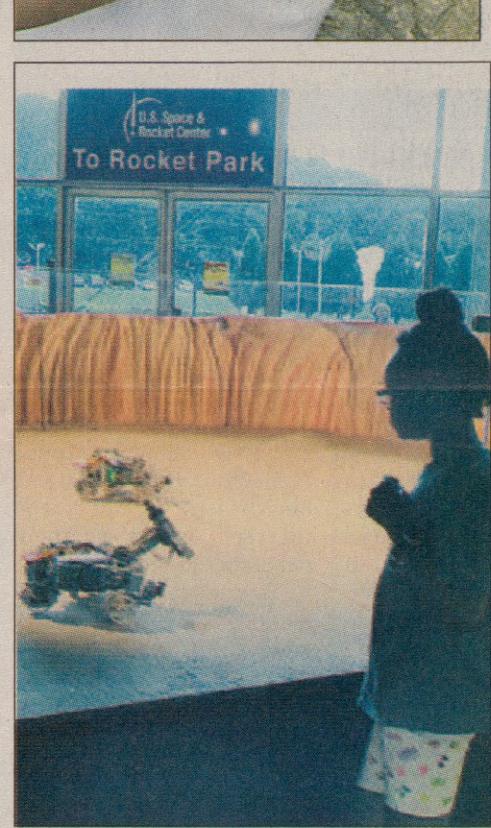
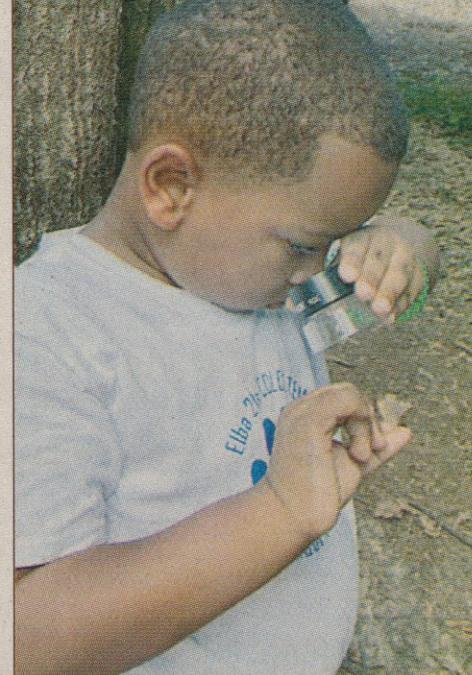
"Needless to say, everyone had a blast!" program director Kenya Martin said.

Elba STEM students began to explore space and flight during their final week of learning. Students were able to get a close up view of the 802 Air Tractor and the

Piper Cherokee aircraft. The 802 Air Tractor carries 800 gallons and is used for fighting fires out west, and spraying rice, corn, and fertilizing trees. Students had an awesome time as pilots Jerome Williams from Demopolis, Ala. and Jock Spencer from New Brockton, Ala. gave a flight demonstration and personal views of the cockpits and their features (photos from this experience were published in the July 12th edition of the paper). A special thanks to Carol Laney and Hog Air Aviation owned by Brent Carpenter from Arkansas for providing this fantastic learning

opportunity!

Included on this page are scenes from the trips to the Alabama Wildlife Federation Park and the US Space and Rocket Center.



Elba Police arrest man on multiple drug charges

A traffic stop by Elba Police on Sunday, July 15, led to the arrest of an Elba man on drug charges.

The stop was made on Plant Avenue at Caroline St., according to records at the Elba Police Department.

Upon finding the suspect Shannon Hammonds, age 37, of Elba, in possession of drugs, he was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana – second degree,

possession of a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Hammonds was transported to the Coffee County Jail following his arrest.

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